

# THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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## FLOOR ACTIONS

On Wednesday, April 8, the House passed **HCS HJR 10** by a vote of 85 to 72. The resolution proposes changes to the composition of nonpartisan judicial commissions to require an additional member of the general public and require Senate approval of all appointments. In addition, the Governor would receive a list of four candidates, rather than three, and could be provided a second list of candidates if necessary. These constitutional changes must be passed by a vote of the people.

The House also passed **HCS HB 30**, which requires the Department of Social Services to test applicants or recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits for the illegal use of controlled substances. This bill passed the House by a vote of 104 to 45.

The House also passed:

- **HCS HB 658 & 706**, which authorizes a tax credit up to \$25,000 for any resident taxpayer who is actively engaged in milk production. This bill passed the House by a vote of 110 to 41.
- **HCS HB 495**, which changes the laws regarding local exchange voice telecommunications carriers. This bill passed the House by a vote of 143 to 14.

### Last Week

The House perfected  
14 bills, third read 11  
bills and passed 33  
bills out of committee.

### Photo of the Week



Reps. Don Calloway, Jacob Hummel and Chris Carter discuss legislation on the House floor. Calloway, Hummel and Carter are all freshman representatives from the St. Louis Area.

## BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions  
as of 4/14/09  
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1,237
# HBs Referred to Committee	1,140
# HBs Reported Do Pass	176
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	111
# HBs Perfected	149
# HBs Third Read	145
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	35
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	2



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## COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Budget Committee** passed **HB15**, which appropriates money for supplemental purposes for the several departments and offices of state government, and for payment of various claims for refunds for persons, firms and corporations. (4.8.09)
- The **Ways and Means Committee** passed **HCS HB 64 & 545**, which revises the Missouri individual income tax rate schedule and increases the federal tax deduction for the individual income tax. (4.9.09)
- The **Elections Committee** passed **HCS HJR 9**, which proposes a constitutional amendment changing the laws regarding elections and voting rights. (4.8.09)
- The **Energy and Environment Committee** passed **HCS HB 978 & 1028**, which authorizes an income tax credit for homes built using green build standards. (4.9.09)
- The **Elementary and Secondary Education Committee** passed **SB 79**, which modifies the definition of "bullying" as used in school district antibullying policies to include cyberbullying and electronic communications. (4.9.09)
- The **Senate Appropriations Committee** passed Senate Committee Substitutes for **HBs 1-13**.

### Dates of Interest

- May 8 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto session begins

## FAST FACTS

**53 Legislative Days have passed.**

**There are approximately 15 legislative days until the budget must be truly agreed to and finally passed.**

**There are approximately 20 legislative days until the end of the 2009 session.**

### Did you know?



On Wednesday, Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, visited the Capitol. Gingrich was the Minority Whip from 1989 to 1995. Since 1897, Missouri has had one majority whip, Roy Blunt (2003-2007) and two minority whips, James T. Lloyd (1901-1909) and Roy Blunt (2007-2009).

The answer to the quiz from last week is D.